



2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test Update and Outreach Efforts

Presentation to EDCO Liaisons

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Assembly Bill 484

- Assembly Bill (AB) 484, chaptered into law October 2, 2013, established the Measurement of Academic Performance and Progress (MAPP). Through regulation, the name has been changed to the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).
- CAASPP replaces the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program.
- Among the requirements set forth in AB 484 is the requirement that local educational agencies (LEAs) participate in the Smarter Balanced Field Test.



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2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test Windows

- The Smarter Balanced Field Test will be administered March 18 through June 6, 2014.
- Each school has been assigned a six-week window within this time frame and may test anytime within that assigned window.
- On November 20, 2013, Educational Testing Service (ETS) released testing window assignments for schools and notified LEA testing coordinators.
- Test window assignments are available at <http://www.startest.org/FT-windows2014.html>.



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Adjustment to the Spring 2014 Field Test Assessment Plan

- On November 20, 2013, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction announced to LEAs an adjustment to the Field Test assessment plan.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/yr13ltr1120.asp>
- Ninety-five percent of students will take a sample of items from both English–language arts (ELA) and mathematics.
- The remaining five percent of students will take a sample of items in one subject, either ELA or mathematics.
- All students will complete one performance task in one subject.



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Field Test Details

- Students in grades 3–8, grade 11, and a small sample of students in grades 9 and 10 will participate in the field test.
- The field test is estimated to take approximately 3.5 hours, although it is untimed.
- Students exempt from participation in the field test:
 - Students who take the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA).
 - For ELA only, English learners who have attended school in the United States for less than 12 months



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Field Test Unavailability Dates

Field Test Down Times

Thursday, April 10 – Sunday, April 13, 2014

Thursday, May 8 – Sunday, May 11, 2014



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Smarter Balanced Field Test Resources

Support materials:

- *Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines* and FAQs
- *Career Readiness Frameworks* TBD
- Training modules available February 10



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Smarter Balanced Field Test Resources (cont.)

Preparation:

- Sample test items and performance tasks

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/sample-items-and-performance-tasks/>

- Practice test

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test/>

- **New** training test

Link to be available January 30



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Performance Tasks

- Students will take one performance task in either ELA or mathematics.
- Students will participate in a classroom activity before administration of the performance task.
- The classroom activity will be pre-assigned and communicated to school staff prior to administration.
- Consequently, the classroom activity cannot be assigned to the student in “real time.”



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New Training Test

- Purpose: Provide students with an opportunity to quickly become familiar with the software and interface features that will be used in the field test
- Grade bands:
 - 3–5, 6–8 and high school
- 6–9 items per grade band per content area
- No performance tasks
- Includes new item types:
 - Matching tables (ELA and mathematics). This item allows students to match concepts in columns and rows.
 - Fill-in tables (mathematics). This item type allows students to enter numeric values in a table.
 - Evidence-based selected response (ELA). Students select words, phrases, or sentences that provide evidence from the text.
- Includes all universal tools, designated supports and accommodations
- Responses are not scored

Comparison of Training Test and Practice Test

	Training Test	Practice Test
Purpose	Provide students with an opportunity to quickly become familiar with the software and interface features	Provide students with a grade specific testing experience that is similar in structure and format to the field test
Grade Levels	3 grade bands <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3–5• 6–8• High school	Each grade <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3–8, 11
Number and Types of Items	Approximately 15 items per grade band (6 in ELA and 8–9 in math) No performance task (PT)	Approximately 30 items in ELA and 30 items in math per grade level Includes 1 ELA PT and 1 math PT per grade level
Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations	All included on Field Test are included	Most included Refresh scheduled for late April
Scoring	Results are not scored	Results are not scored, however answer keys and scoring rubrics are available



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Smarter Balanced Field Test Preparation and Outreach Activities

The California Department of Education (CDE) in collaboration with

- Smarter Balanced
- ETS
- San Joaquin County Office of Education
- West Ed
- CDE Fellows and others

has prepared a comprehensive plan of support and outreach activities for the implementation of the 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test.



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Assessment Development and Administration Division (ADAD) Reorganization

CAASPP Office—Jessica Valdez (Interim)

High School and Physical Fitness Assessment
Office—John Boivin

English Language Proficiency and Alternate
Assessments Office—Lily Roberts

Psychometrics, Technology and Data Office—
Eric Zilbert

Assessment Programs Support and Outreach
Office—Deborah Baumgartner (Interim)



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ADAD Support and Outreach Activities

- CDE Smarter Balanced Assessment System Web page <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/index.asp>
- Smarter Balanced Listserv Updates
- Smart Balanced Field Test Information
- Update meetings for CDE staff
- Update Webinars for EDCO
- In-person update meetings for LEAs and others
- Coordination of contractor and other division activities in conjunction with fellows
- Monitoring of contracts



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CDE Fellows

Common Core Fellow Nancy Brownell and Assessment Fellows Paula Carroll, Kathy Caric, Gina Koency, and Mary Tribbey:

- Assist with the coordination and collaboration of support and outreach activities regarding the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessment System
- Assist individual LEAs needing assistance



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ETS Support and Outreach Activities

- California Technical Assistance Center (CalTAC)
- In-person pretest and Smarter Balanced Field Test workshops
- Training videos (assessment and technical)
- In-person technical support
- Outbound calls and in-person meetings
- California version Field Test manual
- Follow-up surveys



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ETS Outreach Workshop Schedule

Northern California

County Office of Education	Date
Sacramento	Wednesday, 2/5
San Francisco	Monday, 2/10
San Joaquin	Tuesday, 2/11
Santa Clara	Wednesday, 2/12
Alameda	Thursday, 2/13
Mendocino	Tuesday, 2/18
Alpine	Monday, 2/24
Shasta	Tuesday, 2/25
Tehama	Tuesday, 2/25
Butte	Thursday, 2/27

Southern California

County Office of Education	Date
San Diego	Friday, 2/7
Los Angeles	Thursday, 2/13
Riverside	Friday, 2/14
Santa Barbara	Tuesday, 2/18
Monterey	Wednesday, 2/19
Kern	Friday, 2/21
Fresno	Monday, 2/24



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WestEd

- Collaborate with fellows and ADAD to prepare messaging.
- Develop short videos to be used for messaging with LEAs, including administrators, teachers, parents, and stakeholders.



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San Joaquin County Office of Education

- Draft print materials (letters, brochures, checklists, etc.) to be used by LEAs in communications with administrators, teachers, parents, and others
- Host Regional Assessment Network (RAN) meetings
- Host Webinars (EDCO, etc.)
- Draft pre- and post-Smarter Balanced Field Test surveys



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For Further Information

CAASPP Office

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916-445-8765

CDE Smarter Balanced Field Test Web Page

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp>

Smarter Balanced Technology Readiness Tool (TRT)

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbac-itr-index.asp>

California Technical Assistance Center

<http://californiatac.org/>

1-800-955-2954